



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 8-12, 2008

WHEREAS, direct support workers, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, job coaches and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support and services for millions of individuals nationwide; and

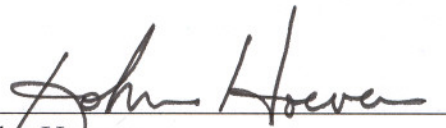
WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of services to individuals with disabilities to help them live independently, including preparing meals, helping with medications, bathing, dressing, and getting to school, work or other activities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential care to help keep individuals with disabilities connected to their families and communities, and enable them to live meaningful and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,900 North Dakotans are employed as direct support professionals in home- and community-based settings; and

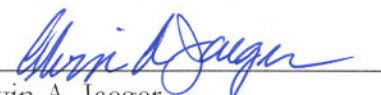
WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the dedication of direct support professionals and the important role they play in supporting the state's long-term care system and in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 8-12, 2008, **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State